IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MCALLEN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	§		
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Plaintiff,	§		
	§		
v.	§	CASE NO.	7:19-CV-234
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30.00 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS,	§		
SITUATE IN HIDALGO COUNTY,	§		
STATE OF TEXAS; AND VERONICA	§		
MENDOZA,	§		
	§		
Defendants.	§		

COMPLAINT IN CONDEMNATION

- 1. This is a civil action brought by the United States of America at the request of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, through the Acquisition Program Manager, Wall Program Management Office, U.S. Border Patrol Program Management Office Directorate, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, for the taking of property under the power of eminent domain through a Declaration of Taking, and for the determination and award of just compensation to the owners and parties in interest.
- 2. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C.§ 1358.
- 3. The interest in property taken herein is under and in accordance with the authority set forth in Schedule "A."
- 4. The public purpose for which said interest in property is taken is set forth in Schedule "B."
 - 5. The legal description and map or plat of land in which certain interests are being

acquired by the filing of this Complaint, pursuant to the Declaration of Taking, are set forth in

Schedules "C" and "D."

6. The interest being acquired in the property described in Schedules "C" and "D" is

set forth in Schedule "E."

7. The amount of just compensation estimated for the property interest being acquired

is set forth in Schedule "F."

8. The names and addresses of known parties having or claiming an interest in said

acquired property are set forth in Schedule "G."

9. Local and state taxing authorities may have or claim an interest in the property by

reason of taxes and assessments due and eligible.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests judgment that the interest described in Schedule "E" of

the property described in Schedules "C" and "D" be condemned, and that just compensation for

the taking of said interest be ascertained and awarded, and for such other relief as may be lawful

and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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A

SCHEDULE A

AUTHORITY FOR THE TAKING

The property is taken under and in accordance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3113 and 3114, which authorize the condemnation of land and the filing of a Declaration of Taking; the Act of Congress approved September 30, 1996, as Public Law 104-208, Division C, Section 102, 110 Stat. 3009-546, 3009-554-55, as amended and codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1103(b) & note; and the Act of Congress approved March 23, 2018, as Public Law 115-141, div. F, tit. II, 132 Stat. 348, which appropriated the funds that shall be used for the taking.

B

SCHEDULE B

PUBLIC PURPOSE

The public purpose for which said property is taken is to conduct surveying, testing, and other investigatory work needed to plan the proposed construction of roads, fencing, vehicle barriers, security lighting, cameras, sensors, and related structures designed to help secure the United States/Mexico border within the State of Texas.

C

SCHEDULE C

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Hidalgo County, Texas

Tract: RGV-MCS-1112 Owner: Veronica Mendoza

Acres: 30.00

That 30 acre tract out of Share Two (2) together with accretion of that Partition map recorded in Volume 1184 Page 906 of the Deed Record& of Hidalgo County, Texas; said partition was the division of Share 14 of Porcion 41 in said County; said Tract Two (2) being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Share 14, the Northwest corner of Share One (1) of said Partition, thence with the West line of Share 14 South 9'33'30' West, at 1635.00 feet pass the Northwest corner of Share Two (2), at 1843.71 feet in all to a one-half (1/2) inch diameter iron rod set at the Southwest corner of Tract One (1) of this Partition, for the Northwest corner of Tract Two (2) and PLACE OF BEGINNING;

Thence South 72°23'08" East 1001.90 feet to a one-half (1/2) inch diameter iron rod set for an inside corner hereof;

Thence North 80°05'31" East 3177.08 feet to a one-half (112) inch diameter iron rod set at the Southeast corner of Tract One (1), at the high bank of the Rio Grande River, for the Northeast corner hereof;

Thence with said high bank South 31°21'35" East 514.79 feet to a one-half (1/2) inch diameter iron rod set for a corner hereof;

Thence South 7°27'55" East 79.79 feet to a one-half (1/2) inch diameter iron rod set for the Southeast corner hereof;

Thence leaving the high bank, South 87°01'46" West 3393.44 feet to a one-half (1/2) inch diameter iron rod set for a corner hereof;

Thence North 74°47'26' West 1040.45 feet to a one-half (1/2) inch diameter iron rod set for the Southwest corner hereof;

Thence with the West line of Share 14, North 09°'33'30' East 180.63 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing Thirty (30) acres, more or less.

Note: The West Fifty (50.0) feet are reserved for Road Easement.

Tract: RGV-MCS-1112

SCHEDULE D

MAP or PLAT



LAND TO BE CONDEMNED

Tract: RGV-MCS-1112 Owner: Veronica Mendoza

Acres: 30.00

* The case caption identifies acreage for the entire parent tract; access to the entire parent tract may be necessary to complete a survey of the proposed tract outlined in red on the map above.

E

SCHEDULE E

ESTATE TAKEN

Hidalgo County, Texas

Tract: RGV-MCS-1112 Owner: Veronica Mendoza

Acres: 30.00

The estate taken is a temporary, assignable easement beginning on the date possession is granted to the United States and ending 12 months later, consisting of the right of the United States, its agents, contractors, and assigns to enter in, on, over and across the land described in Schedule C to survey, make borings, and conduct other investigatory work for the purposes described in Schedule B and to access adjacent lands; including the right to trim or remove any vegetative or structural obstacles that interfere with said work; reserving to the landowners, their successors and assigns all right, title, and privileges as may be used and enjoyed without interfering with or abridging the rights hereby acquired; subject to minerals and rights appurtenant thereto, and to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads and pipelines.

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SCHEDULE F

ESTIMATE OF JUST COMPENSATION

The sum estimated as just compensation for the land being taken is ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$100.00), to be deposited herewith in the Registry of the Court for the use and benefit of the persons entitled thereto; and, an additional sum determined at the conclusion of the temporary estate described in Schedule E to constitute actual damages, if any.

G

SCHEDULE G

INTERESTED PARTIES

The following table identifies all persons who have or claim an interest in the property condemned and whose names are now known, indicating the nature of each person's property interest(s) as indicated by references in the public records and any other information available to the United States. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 71.1(c).

Interested Party	Reference
Veronica Mendoza	RGV-MCS-1112
	Deed Without Warranty, Document
Edinburg, TX	#2010-2150524, Recorded October 29,
	2010; Deed Records of Hidalgo County

JS 44 (Rev. 06/17)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS						
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA			30.00 Acres of Land, More or Less, Situate in Hidalgo County, State of Texas; and Veronica Mendoza,						
(b) County of Residence	of First Listed Plaintiff			County of Residence			Hidalgo		
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